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# Church says Ford may have to void Bush's nomination as head of CIA

New York (Reuter)—Frank Church (D., Idaho), head of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said here yesterday that President Ford could not have made a poorer choice than George Bush to head the Central Intelligence Agency.

The senator said he believed Mr. Ford might have to withdraw his nomination of Mr. Bush, now head of the U.S. liaison office in Peking, because so many people are expressing reservations about it.

Mr. Church said he may try to block the Bush nomination, but is not sure it is "entirely fitting" for him to do so as head of the Senate committee.

"There could not be a poorer choice than to take the past chairman of the Republican party and make him head of the CIA," Mr. Church said on the CBS Face the Nation program.

He said that the agency was created to be nonpartisan. However, he added that he believed the nomination, if it stands, would clear Congress because

Mr. Bush is "well liked and a nice fellow."

He added that he was "upset that William Colby [former Central Intelligence Agency director] has been a fall guy." Mr. Colby was replaced November 2 as head of the agency.

Mr. Church said that the committee's report, to be released next month, will contain some new information but that it should be regarded as "an opportunity to study the whole anatomy of the government and its most unfortunate mistakes."

Those mistakes included

"government agencies licensed to murder little leaders who couldn't possibly harm the United States." He asked, "Is the president going to be a glorified godfather?"

He said the report should lead to a Justice Department probe, although "no one's hide will be tacked to the wall."

He cited hundreds of thousands of letters and cables being examined and other offenses uncovered by the committee and asked, "Is no one to be held accountable for this?"

Mr. Church also said that he thought President Ford wanted to keep the report secret because "this is an anatomy of a secret world with respect to unfortunate U.S. government involvement in murder plots."

## CIA data's airing urged

Philadelphia (AP)—Senator Richard S. Schweiker (R., Pa.) said yesterday that the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities report on alleged Central Intelligence Agency involvement in foreign assassinations should be made public.

"The only possible way that we're going to solve this prob-

lem for the future is to get it

out in the public," he said. "In fact, I think if we don't do it, just the opposite will occur. The people who tried to assassinate people will figure that they got away with it and that even Congress didn't have the guts to tell the people about it."

"I think silence gives consent and I'll be no party to a coverup," said Senator Schweiker, a committee member, in an interview on WCAU-TV.

The committee voted November 3 to submit the report to the Senate despite President Ford's request that it be suppressed. Senator Frank Church (D., Idaho), the committee chairman, said that while the Senate would have the right to keep the report secret, he considered this unlikely.

Mr. Schweiker said the Senate committee has spent six months on its investigation and "we've done a complete thing."

"And now he [Mr. Ford] is asking us not to publish it," Mr. Schweiker said. "Well, I'll have no part of that. I think the American people have a right to know what their government's being doing about attempting to assassinate political leaders."